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California Lakes and Reservoirs Appreciation Week July 1-7, 2004

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) announced today that California Lakes and Reservoirs Appreciation Week 2004 is scheduled for July 1-7.

During Lakes and Reservoirs Appreciation Week 2004, July 1-7, DWR, DBW, and DPR are raising awareness to protect our lakes and reservoirs. Individuals can help by taking simple steps: chemicals, like oil and cleaning products, should be disposed of properly; contact your city or county for hazardous waste disposal sites and times; admire but don't disturb wildlife and their habitats; recreate but don't pollute the water you play in; educate others about how lakes and reservoirs serve us and why we need to keep them clean.

A day at the lake is a typical California pastime and the State's lakes and reservoirs rank among its most popular recreation spots, where people can boat, swim, water ski, fish, and more. But, these facilities can be impacted by our activities. Recreational use can require more water treatment or result in harm to wildlife that depend on lake and reservoir habitat. These facilities also provide water to homes, farms and industries, generate energy and control floodwaters.

Promotional flyers and magnets, designed to highlight the week, will be distributed through different venues such as: State Parks, lakes operated by the San Diego County Water Authority, local sporting goods stores and marinas, and at Lake Oroville's (Butte County) annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

In 2001, California Lakes and Reservoirs Appreciation Week was established by the Legislature to recognize the benefits that these precious resources contribute to all Californians' quality of life.

For more information visit: <http://www.owr.water.ca.gov/LakesWeek/>.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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